Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Sometimes one officer of the Hon'ble Minister may be forced by other circumstances to do so. I ask whether it was just and equitable on the part of Government to dispense with the services of an officer who was specially recruited to the service and whose services were recorded to be very useful?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have already answered the question.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is Mr. Velayudhan an Ezhuva?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* That explains the matter *(Laughter)*.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is Mr. Velayudhan a Jacobite Christian?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* No.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* That explains the position taken up by Mr. Mathai *(Laughter)*.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The question whether he is an Ezhuva or a Christian has never entered into my mind, and I will be in a position to show innumerable cases where I have been blamed for being soft-hearted.

TUBE WELLS IN COCHIN-KANAYANNUR TALUK—SUCCESS OF

104. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of tube wells sunk at the expense of Government in 1114, 1115 and 1116 in the coastal areas of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk by the Panchayat or Rural Development Department;

(*b*) whether such wells were found serving their purpose;

(*c*) whether complaints have not been received by the Government that the tube wells are not a success in those areas?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 22.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There had been some complaints that a few of them are not working properly. But arrangements are being made to set them right.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether Government are satisfied that the construction of tube wells has been found to be satisfactory on the whole?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is satisfactory to some extent. It is giving satisfactory results in some parts of the littoral areas. But some of the wells have not been found to be useful. It all depends upon the level, and if the depth is a little more or less, difficulties arise. I have been explaining to the House the great difficulty of giving drinking water to these areas. Perhaps in the near future, in view of the friendly relations existing between the two States, there may be a solution for this question. I do not see any other way of giving good water to these littoral areas. This year, the Chief Engineer is going to make a further attempt in this direction. It is not a question of unwillingness, but one does not know how to proceed with the problem. I want the House to realise that difficulty in solving this great problem.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* With regard to these 22 wells sunk there have Government succeeded in getting good drinking water?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think in the majority of them it has been successful. There are only 2 or 3 exceptions.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* Therefore it is a success.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not an unqualified success. In one or two cases it was a failure. There is another difficulty. These wells are worked out by pumps. Unless the pumps are properly kept up and oiled, there will be these complaints. Now we have appointed a person to go round and inspect all these pumps and set them right. The main complaint is due to the derangement of hand pumps. Now we are attending to their necessary repairs.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* Can you not extend the system?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, we are extending.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—GRANT FOR

105. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table the communication No. L. Dis. 4033/16, dated 2nd May 1941 sent by the Director of

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